To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1394 without my signature.

This bill would add a representative of the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) to the Green Collar Jobs Council (GCJC). The bill also would create the Green Collar Jobs Account in the State Treasury and would authorize the California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB) to accept any revenues, moneys, grants, goods or services from federal or state governmental entities, philanthropic organizations, and other sources.

This bill is unnecessary. The Employment Development Department currently administers all funding for grants and workforce initiatives with Workforce Investment Act funds. Further, it is inappropriate to include the DIR as a member of the GCJC as they are not currently a member of the CWIB. The GCJC already has the authority to consult with DIR as needed.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger